

## URGES END TO HYLAN CONTROL OF POLICE

Meyer Report Says Freedom of Force From Politics Is Needed.

ENRIGHT 'AMENABLE'

Pull System Has Demoralized Department, Says Committee.

FUND LAW IS PROPOSED

Would Correct Careless Handling of Money Collected From Police Games.

The Police Department under Mayor Hylan and Commissioner Enright has been subject to political interference and personal pull, and the result of this demoralizing tendency has been to weaken law enforcement in this city, according to the findings of the joint legislative committee, which spent a year studying municipal affairs. Its report on conditions in several departments was filed yesterday with the Charter Revision Commission and the Legislature.

In the appointment of deputies and other officials, the illegal reinstatement of dismissed policemen, the demoralization of the quartermaster's division, the careless handling of semi-public funds, giving an open invitation to misconduct and the Wall Street speculation and money making activities of high police officials, the legislative committee reports that it finds abuses which show not only the operation of the "personal and political pull system" but a general let down of the morale of the department. Summarizing the evidence taken in public hearings in support of its claims, the committee urges corrections.

This report deals also with the subject of mandatory legislation, the Department of Licenses, whose methods, it says, ought to be changed, the Department of Markets, in which the report states numerous instances of grafting were shown, and the administration of the department of Public Welfare.

"All experience has shown that a vital requirement for effective and impartial enforcement of the law by the Police Department is the complete freedom of that department and the Commissioner from interference by the Mayor," states the report, which is signed by Senator Schuyler M. Meyer, as chairman, and his eight associates.

"The Mayor is subject from a variety of quarters to pressure for special or privileged treatment. Pressure upon the Mayor is continuous. If he succumbs and controls the Police Commissioner in the disposition of such matters, the police administration is bound to fail, for pull and influence, with their attendant demoralization, have then become the governing force of the department. Effective law enforcement is impossible when the rank and file of the force or

the public generally become convinced that the department is administered according to personal or political pull.

"That the department under Mayor Hylan and Commissioner Enright has been too much subject to this demoralizing tendency is established by the evidence before this committee.

"Where the city's official business is marked by such laxity and disregard for the provisions of law, it is not surprising that the semi-official undertakings of the department should be carried on in an equally loose manner. A most conspicuous example of this was the handling of the 1918 police games money. These games were held during the war for the avowed purpose of equipping police reserves to take the place of policemen drafted into military service. According to the official report they yielded \$384,000. No equipment for the police reserves was purchased from this fund until after the armistice; as late as the spring of 1921 money given by the public for a patriotic war purpose was being spent to buy uniforms for lady members of the police reserves.

"This lack of financial control invited loss from carelessness or dishonesty, and while the committee has not developed evidence proving dishonesty it is clear that there was every opportunity for a juggling of accounts at the expense of the fund. Such matters vitally concern the public. The present administration has encouraged the use of the uniformed police force in selling tickets for benefits and the police have raised about \$1,601,000 from the public since 1918 for such purposes. The use of the police force to raise money is highly improper. This impropriety is enhanced when there is no adequate control over the cash obtained. The committee recommends the enactment of legislation prohibiting such abuses.

The report reviews the investments of Commissioner Enright and Edward J. Hughes, Dominick Henry and John F. Dwyer as inspectors and concludes:

"These facts do not reflect credit on these officials of the Police Department. On the contrary, they tend to show a demoralization and a lack of principle that seriously concern the citizens of New York."

**DANCE HALL TO HAVE A FIRST AID STATION**

**Clover Gardens at Grand Central Palace Open Thursday.**

The first public restaurant and dance hall to advertise as one of its principal attractions "a fully equipped first aid station with professional nurses constantly in attendance" will open Thursday in the Grand Central Palace. It is to be known as Clover Gardens and its proprietors said yesterday that it will be the largest establishment of its kind in the world. The advance literature describes it as "another exclusive attraction for the inhabitants of the city of New York and the hosts of out of town visitors who come into the city every day in the year."

Despite this narrow exclusiveness the management hopes that virtually everybody will attend the opening ceremonies and continue patronizing the place forever after. This same advance literature outlines the course a woman may take on her way into the restaurant. She enters the club rooms and from there into the powder puff room. From here she "makes her triumphant entry into the peacock lounge" and, after analyzing the throng with her powerful beauty, proceeds to the ballroom proper (proper used as both adjective and adverb in this instance) and, thus worked up an appetite, comes to rest in the restaurant, where food will be placed before her.

The press agent does not go into detail concerning the maneuvers of the lady's escort. Anyway, the first aid station will always be available.

**DIES GOING TO HOSPITAL.**

A man believed from papers in his pockets to have been Ludwig Leopold, 74, of 402 East Sixth street, collapsed last night in First avenue, near Fifth street, and died while being taken to Bellevue Hospital. Apoplexy is believed to have caused death.

## 'MAILED FIST' FAILS AS REFORM WEAPON

Dr. Norwood Warns Against Use of Force in Trying to Improve World.

WILL ROUSE UGLY TRAITS

London Pastor Pictures God as Friend of Humanity, Not King or Despot.

Reformers who try to reform the world through the power of the "mailed fist" have always failed and always will, was the manner in which the Rev. Frederick W. Norwood worded his last Sunday morning message to the congregation of the Broadway Tabernacle yesterday. Dr. Norwood, the exchange preacher from the City Temple, London, leaves this week for Washington, and after a brief visit there will sail for England on July 8. For the last six Sundays, Dr. Norwood has been taking the place of Dr. Charles E. Jefferson at the Tabernacle.

The only view of God which men will be able to worship, after the horror of the recent war and the subsequent unrest and lack of international peace, is that of a God who is the friend of humanity and kind rather than omnipotent and majestic, Dr. Norwood said, and told the congregation that God is more of the Father than the King or Supreme Judge. It is that idea which will hold mankind to Him in universal worship, he said, and not any sort of picture of a God to be feared for His swift and terrible retribution.

"Do not attempt to disparage great souls and human kindness and goodness on this earth," Dr. Norwood advised. "Acknowledge it wherever you find it, and rejoice, and above all do not disparage any of the great souls who did their good works even before the coming of Jesus Christ. Give honor for the worldly kindness done by the everyday man you know, and in doing that you aid toward immortality for him. That kind of immortality will help to keep alive the memory of the man in the minds of his fellow men, which to-day is a rare thing."

"Only a few, very few names shine down through the centuries. These names and these men are remembered for what they did rather than what they were. Columbus is remembered as having discovered this great country; Shakespeare for writing the works most of us love. But if it were proved tomorrow that Columbus never lived, it wouldn't change the world materially, for we would still have America; and if it were proved that Bacon and not Shakespeare wrote the works attributed to the latter, it would be most regrettable, but we would still go on living just the same. These things are not vital, nor immortal, in the sense of vital immortality."

"The personality of Jesus belongs as much with man to-day as it did when He lived. He is a part of the present and the future as well as the past, and among the world's reformers He is the most unique. What fools those men were, who, in crucifying Him, thought they could cast Him from history forever. Of all those at that crucifying He alone was the most powerful, and yet He hung there between two thieves. Does that last fact not prove most conclusively that He was the Man for all mankind?"

"Never can war issue in peace. There has never been immediate peace after any war, or as the result of that war. Was there peace after your war of the Revolution? I was not told so. Or after your wars in 1812 or 1867? I do not believe so, and after two years from

the close of the world war you have no peace yet. And the real reason you have not peace is because all reformers who try to reform through the power of the mailed fist find in the end that they have stirred up other forces which keep the world rocking. Justice and tolerance are the marks of the real peacemaker, as well as infinite kindness."

"Many persons say that God ordained and made the world war. I cannot believe that, and if it be so, then I for one cannot worship such a God. The only worship mankind can give God in the future is worship with the knowledge that God is bound up with the world and not a despot. That is the thought for our generation; we have

been through too much horror for anything but that. And the only way I can attempt to explain that sort of worship to you is to say that in the mystery of fatherhood you will find your clear revelation of God."

**PRESBYTERIANS PLAN NEW FINANCE SYSTEM**

Rev. W. P. Merrill of Manhattan Heads Committee.

Appointments to a committee of laymen and ministers to devise ways and means of unifying the financial system of the entire Presbyterian Church were

announced yesterday by Dr. Calvin C. Hays of Johnstown, Pa., Moderator of the Presbytery. This committee is to follow up the work of another committee headed by Rev. John T. Stone of Chicago.

The financial committee will report to the general assembly at Indianapolis next May. Members are: the Rev. William P. Merrill, pastor of Brick Presbyterian Church, Manhattan; Herbert K. Twitchell, Brooklyn, an officer of the Chemical National Bank; the Rev. Joseph A. Vance, Detroit; the Rev. Matthew F. Smith, Indianapolis; H. S. P. Nichols, counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia; A. C. Ernst, accountant, Cleveland, and E. H. Perkins, banker, Baltimore.

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